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Cruel and Barbarous News From GHEAPSIDE in *LONDON:* Being a True and Faithful RELATION

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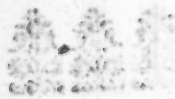

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Cruel and Barbarous News From GHEAPSIDE, in LONDON:

HOW many wicked, cruel and unhuman Acts of Murder do we almoſt dayly hear of, ſo that we may juſtly crie out with the Prophet, *The people have ſold themſelves to do wickedneſs*, and for want of the fear of God, they ſtill run on in their wicked courſes until they deſtroy both body and ſoul to all eternity, not once thinking that they muſt one day give an account for all their wicked works which they do here commit; But

wo unto them that do harbour such thoughts in their breſt, much more to commit such unheard of cruelties: Alas poor ſouls they think not what anſwer they muſt make before the great Tribunal ſeat of God; then they would wiſh *they had never been born*, or *the mountains to fall upon them*, or *the Hills to cover them from the preſence of the moſt high God*.

But now to leave this digreſion and come to the Relation of this unhuman fact. I think that if it be conſidered in all the circumſtances, there has not been heard of, in our age, a Fact more barbarous then what this Relation gives you, of a *ſcale-makers* wife living near unto *Cheapſide*. She was of light carriage, and uſed to frequent Taverns and Play-houſes, as many people do report; for ſhe allwais took Coach when ſhe went out, but as ſhe came back again ſhe alighted in *Cheapſide*, and came home a foot, becauſe ſhe uſed to frequent a houſe thereabout, or not far from the place where ſhe was ſet down.

Her huſband being as I told you before a *Scale-maker* and a Common-Council-man of the City was many times from home about his occaſions, & did little think that his Wife did follow ſuch lewd courſes and bad company; but one day coming home before he was expected, asked the Apprentice where his Miſtriſs was, to which he anſwered he knew

knew not, and within a short time after she came home and all was quiet.

About two or three daies after her husband being from home, she sent the Apprentice into *Cheapside* to call a Coach, which he did according to her command, and the Coach man came to the door with him, and she being ready equiped for her (not long journey) away she went.

This Apprentice, that afternoon had been a broad in the City about his Masters business, and as he was coming home, saw his Mistris alight out of the Coach, and went into this suspected house which I before told you of, and when he came home was about his Imployment. and soon after his Master came home and asked him where his Mistris was, and he told him that she was at one Mr. *Drapers*, O said his Master doth she lay up her time in a Baudy House, Sirrah goe and call her, and so he did, and when she came home her Husband asked what her business was at that house, and told her that it was counted a Baudy House, (she could have told him that,) but she said she had been there to see a Sick body, and so pasified her Husband.

The next Morning when her Husband was gon out, she asked the Apprentice how his Master knew where she was, and he told her that he saw you goe thither

thither, Sirrah said she I will make you an example to all teltails, and from that time, & ever after, told him that he should beweare how he told any more tails, and he poor wrech little thinking what Barbarous thoughts she harboured in her Breast. Upon a time when she knew her Husband was from home, sent for two Men which she had more love for, then she had for her Husband; called in the Boy and told him that he should die the cruelest death that ever could be thought on, or devised, and imediately the two men that were there, layd hold on him, and striped him naked unto the skin, and bound him to a Spit, and having kindled a Fire and stopped his Mouth with a Clout, layed down this poor harmless Creature to the Fire, and turned him round until he was sorely scorched, but with long striving for life he got the Clout out of his Mouth, and cried out Murder, and with many doleful shreeks and cries that the neighbours made all possible speed to deliver this poor, innocent and harmless wretch from this amaising and horrid death, which through Gods infinite blessing they attained.

Whilest they were comforting this poor creature, and hearing him give this present Relation, his Mistris and the two men her wicked assistants made their escape.

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This ſad newes being noiſed abroad in the City, the Apprentices preſently made a riſing, intending to have pulled down the houſe, but the Right Worſhipful the Lord Major, and his Officers and Conſtables of the City, and their aſſiſtants, deſired them to forbear, promiſing them that if either the Woman, or the two cruel men her companions, could poſſibly be apprehended, they ſhould be proceeded againſt according to Law.

Finis.